

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Trustees of the Massachusetts;
State Library, *Boston*

FOR THE

Year Ending November 30, 1929



STATE LIBRARY OF MASSACHUSETTS

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TRUSTEES OF THE STATE LIBRARY

NOVEMBER 30, 1929

CHARLES H. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

Appointed June 1, 1928.

Term expires May 30, 1931.

GASPAR G. BACON, *Ex officio.* LEVERETT SALTONSTALL, *Ex officio.*

CHARLES T. COPELAND

Appointed June 1, 1927

Term expires May 30, 1930

FITZ-HENRY SMITH, JR.

Appointed June 1, 1929

Term expires May 30, 1932

OFFICERS OF THE LIBRARY

EDWARD H. REDSTONE	<i>State Librarian.</i>
ANNIE G. HOPKINS	<i>Assistant Librarian.</i>
FRANCES R. COE	<i>Head of Catalogue Department.</i>

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled:

The Trustees of the State Library make this their twentieth annual report for the year ending November 30, 1929, under the provisions of Chapter 6, Section 37 of the General Laws.

Mr. Fitz-Henry Smith, Jr. of Boston, was appointed by Governor Fuller in December, 1928 to fill the unexpired term of the late Hon. Nathan Matthews as a member of the Board of Trustees, and he was reappointed by Governor Allen for the full three year term from June 1, 1929 to May 30, 1932.

The Trustees wish to emphasize the absolute need of enlarged quarters for the State Library. The State Librarian urges it in his report, as he has done before. There are various reasons for this recommendation. In the first place the library is becoming more and more the library center of the State and the great fountain source of learning in all lines of activity. It is the place where are housed not only the books containing the laws of all nations, but also where are preserved the records of the Commonwealth when they cease to be

of common commercial value and become beacon lights in history. In its present quarters there are no rooms available in which to adequately house or exhibit the volumes of this historic and valuable collection.

CHARLES H. TAYLOR, *Chairman*
CHARLES T. COPELAND
FITZ-HENRY SMITH, Jr.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees:

I have the honor to submit the following report of the work done in the Massachusetts State Library for the year ending November 30, 1929.

There were added to the library the following number of volumes; by purchase 2,380; by gift 6,096; by exchange 3,154; making the total number of accessions 11,630.

The total number of volumes bound during the year was 979.

Among the interesting gifts received during the year was a bronze plaque on which was engraved the Declaration of Independence. This was the gift of Governor Frank G. Allen. The Robbins Company of Attleboro presented the library with the following medallions: Washington, Lincoln, Roosevelt, Lindbergh, Wilson, and the American Indian.

The constant use of the library by students of the various day and evening law schools continues and it is a question as to what shall be done with this large group, a number of whom use the library primarily for study and consequently occupy space which should be reserved for those who wish to consult the books for reference. The library is not a place for study. It is and should be primarily a place for the use of material not found in the larger public libraries. With our inadequate quarters we shall be obliged to restrict in some measure the use of the library as a study room by students, and with the co-operation of the Deans of the various law schools I believe this may be brought about.

The question of preserving the various newspapers is one which needs careful and wise consideration. We have an excellent collection of the important papers which are published throughout the State but for the past three years we have bound only those papers published in Boston and other large cities of Massachusetts and New York.

The present librarian has been in office for ten years and nine months and during that time the library has grown from 376,465 volumes to 492,646 volumes. In 1919 there were 19 workers on the staff of the library while to-day there are 23. In the same year we had accommodations for about 75 readers in the main reading room and at present we can accommodate 150. While the number of readers has doubled the amount of work is three times as great as in the year 1919. The use of the library by State officials, members of the Legislature, lawyers, students, the general public, and by many who come here from other states to find in this library material relating to certain subjects which cannot be found elsewhere is constantly growing and the service which our staff is rendering is one of high efficiency. This is proved by letters which the librarian has received during the year in praise of their work. It is their loyalty to the service of the Commonwealth which makes this department more useful each year.

REPORT OF THE CATALOGUING DEPARTMENT

The work of the library has held its own with last year, on the average, in the number of volumes which passed through the cataloguing department, showing a total of 29,547 cards completed and filed.

A quite thorough survey of the work ahead compared with parts of the collection completed was made in October. It showed nearly all the long series of proceedings, periodicals and documents completed, and showed also the most used classes of books and pamphlets (except law) now represented in the new catalogue. But it made one realize that at the present pace there are some years of work ahead, and it clarified our judgment as to the next most needed

subject to attack. Biographical dictionaries, therefore, have been completed, and collective biography of statesmen.

Two more of the large subjects for which we have long series of annual reports of the different states are finished: labor, completed some time ago, and geology practically finished. Such publications of the various states as were in the library are completed, deficiencies have been requested and in many cases we have received gratifying returns. Mississippi and North Carolina, for instance, have sent valuable additions to our collection. For each state the legislation which authorized the various surveys has been traced and the history of them filed in the catalogue. All subjects included in the surveys of interest to this library have been brought out and any unbound material, as usual, prepared for binding. As an allied subject which in many cases continues the earlier geologic work of a state or overlaps it, the state reports on mining will, we hope, be recatalogued in the coming year.

Progress in recataloguing the publications of universities and colleges, alphabetically U to Y, shows nearly all the state universities completed. In Education the smaller groups on Teachers' institutes and associations have been finished.

Individual biography, alphabetically from H through the large Lincoln collection is complete, and two collections of pamphlets bound. One of these contains Lincoln's speeches and addresses; the other includes eulogies on Lincoln, all dated 1865. Two groups of collective biography: dictionaries and statesmen, are now completed.

The "Halliday" collection of historic houses, 16 volumes, has been analyzed and indexed by towns and by names of houses. The general collection on literature of the law is now in the completed list, as are the Census reports of different states; annual reports on roads, with two bound volumes of pamphlets; general statistics; yearbooks and almanacs; together with some small groups, such as Peace and Capital punishment.

Every year we are surprised at the calls for unusual things and we use some book that apparently has never been consulted before. This makes one realize that it is impossible to foresee to what use some of the documents now gathering dust may be put in future. A man who had worked in China and was well informed as to Oriental publications in this country told us that we have the only complete set of the Transactions of the Asiatic society of Japan which can be found in the United States. He seemed pleased to find that we had analyzed these by author and subject. Another person found satisfaction in using our Straits Settlements laws in looking for Probate law of the Colony. Great Britain Blue books on the recent constitutional reform in India, as well as the Indian Criminal procedure law have been consulted.

Among the important federal publications received during the year might be mentioned the Congressional committee hearings on such timely subjects as the tariff, agricultural relief, unemployment, admission of aliens, amendments to the Constitution, enforcement of the narcotic laws, etc.

ADDITIONS

Number of volumes added to the library from Dec. 1, 1928 to Nov. 30, 1929.

<i>Books</i>	
By purchase 1742+39 Maps, etc.	1,781
By domestic exchange	1,124
By foreign exchange	186
By gift	1,857
Massachusetts state publications	318
Total	5,266
<i>Pamphlets</i>	
By purchase	599
By domestic exchange	1,730
By foreign exchange	114
By gift	3,482
Massachusetts state publications	433
Total	6,364
Total for 1928-29	11,630
Previous total	481,016
Total volumes and pamphlets in library Nov. 30, 1929	492,646

SUMMARY

Groups of books catalogued during the year for the new catalogue:

1. All current additions to the library and new continuations for the fiscal year. This includes current law books; current documents of the United States, Great Britain and her dependencies; current foreign documents and the general book and pamphlet collection.
2. Literature of the law.
3. Individual biography H—L alphabetically. This includes the whole Lincoln collection, with 2 volumes of Lincoln pamphlets. Collective biography: Dictionaries and Statesmen.
4. Publications of universities and colleges, U—Y, including most of the state universities and Yale.
5. Census publications of the various states, state reports on roads; general statistics; yearbooks and almanacs.
6. Teachers' institutes and teachers' associations.
7. The "Halliday" collection of historic houses, 16 volumes, indexed by towns and by names of houses.
8. All state labor reports completed.
9. Such geological publications of the various states of the United States as were in the library.
10. The subjects of Capital punishment and Peace completed.

Total of 16,352 volumes and pamphlets catalogued, represented by 26,498 cards which are supplemented by 3,049 analytics, in all 29,547 cards typed and filled during 1928-29.

Tabulation

Volumes and pamphlets catalogued by new plan, Dec. 1, 1928	270,092
Volumes and pamphlets catalogued during the year	16,352
Total volumes and pamphlets catalogued Dec. 1, 1929	286,444
Less volumes and pamphlets reduced by binding	473
Less volumes and pamphlets lost	1
Less volumes and pamphlets discarded	174
	648
Net volumes and pamphlets represented in the new catalogue, Dec. 1929	285,796
Represented by 443,516 cards.	

EDWARD H. REDSTONE,
State Librarian

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS IN ACCOUNT WITH STATE LIBRARY

DECEMBER 1, 1928 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1929

Financial Statement

From appropriation of \$5,250 for librarian	\$5,136.55
From appropriation of \$35,000 for salaries of staff	34,757.38
From appropriation of \$15,000 for books and binding	*13,442.75
From appropriation of \$3,000 for incidental expenses	**2,222.77
Total	\$55,559.45
Salary of librarian	\$5,136.55
Salary of assistant librarian	\$2,434.35
Salary of head of catalogue department	2,272.25
Salaries of 4 library reference assistants	7,860.00
Salaries of 3 junior library assistants	3,720.00
Salaries of 9 senior library assistants	13,548.55
Salaries of 3 junior clerks and typists	2,068.67
Salary of porter	1,440.00
Payment of 5 temporary assistants	1,413.56
	34,757.38
Purchase of books	11,344.57
Binding	2,098.18
	13,442.75
Annual report for 1927-28	40.60
Incidental expenses	2,182.17
	2,222.77
Total	\$55,559.45

* Of this sum expenditures to the amount of \$25.80 were for the year 1927-28 and were paid for by money brought forward from the 1927-28 appropriation.

** Of this sum expenditures to the amount of \$19.85 were for the year 1927-28 and were paid for by the money brought forward from the 1927-28 appropriation.

TABLE OF ACCESSIONS

Books

	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.
By purchase	1,366	1,236	1,064	1,383	1,682	1,481	1,228	1,519	1,755	1,630	1,532	1,674	1,829	1,781
Domestic exchange	1,447	1,565	1,388	1,431	716	1,022	1,027	1,031	976	1,193	1,217	1,070	1,050	1,124
Foreign exchange	444	205	237	181	95	230	318	181	239	190	200	199	234	186
Donation	1,126	700	427	771	1,651	1,760	1,489	2,628	1,654	1,430	1,239	1,464	1,413	1,857
Massachusetts state publications .	624	705	459	421	416	739	579	379	393	506	349	396	548	318
Totals	5,007	4,411	3,575	4,187	4,560	5,232	4,641	5,738	5,017	4,949	4,537	4,803	5,074	5,266

PAMPHLETS

	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.
By purchase	245	342	234	176	735	1,056	389	372	306	431	496	379	637	599
Domestic exchange	1,710	1,460	1,878	1,426	499	662	619	705	1,427	1,532	1,154	1,221	1,217	1,730
Foreign exchange	141	148	434	195	68	110	120	135	119	173	86	141	107	114
Donation	1,580	1,603	639	1,408	3,260	3,141	2,739	9,318	3,161	3,219	3,946	4,181	3,370	3,488
Massachusetts state publications .	377	554	545	615	824	1,088	924	666	556	718	760	544	428	433
Totals	4,053	4,107	3,730	3,820	5,386	6,057	4,791	11,196	5,569	6,073	6,442	6,466	5,759	6,364

Total volumes and pamphlets in library, November 30, 1929, 492,646.

